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SEPTEMBER 2, 1975

TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: NEWS SUMMARY

MIDEAST NEWS

ISRAEL AND EGYPT INITIAL SINAI AGREEMENT

BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL MONDAY INITIALED THE NEW SINAI
PEACE PACT ARRANGED BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AS A
STEP TOWARD A PERMANENT MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENT, ISRAELI PRIME
MINISTER RABIN SAID (ON ABC/CBS FILM): "WE BELIEVE THAT
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THE CAUSE OF PEACE MEANS TO TAKE RISKS FOR THESE ACHIEVEMENTS."
ECHOING HIS SENTIMENTS, KISSINGER SAID (ON ABC/CBS FILM):
"THE ROAD TO PEACE HAD TO BE TRAVELED AT SOME POINT, AND THE

FIRST STEP WAS BOUND TO BE DIFFICULT."

"HAVING CONVINCED THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT, KISSINGER'S ONLY REMAINING OBSTACLE IS THE U.S. CONGRESS," TED KOPPEL (ABC) REPORTED. "AND HE WILL TRY TO CONVINCE ITS MEMBERSHIP THAT THE VAST SUMS OF MONEY GOING TO ISRAEL ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL WOULD HAVE REQUIRED ANYWAY.

"AS FOR THE AMERICAN TECHNICIANS AND THE SUGGESTION OF IT BECOMING A VIETNAM-TYPE INVOLVEMENT, KISSINGER WILL ARGUE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE REQUESTED THE AMERICAN PRESENCE. AND PERHAPS MOST COMPELLING OF ALL, HE WILL POINT OUT THAT THE AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN SEALED, AND FAILURE TO APPROVE THE TECHNICIANS WOULD WRECK THE WHOLE DEAL."

"FOR THE ISRAELIS IT WAS AN ANXIOUS SET OF INITIALS, MANY ISRAELIS BELIEVING THAT INK TOUCHED PAPER ONLY BECAUSE OF U.S. PRESSURE," BERNARD KALB (CBS) REPORTED. "THE FORD ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO COMPENSATE ISRAEL FOR THE RISKS JERUSALEM SEES IN THE AGREEMENT BY PROPOSING AID TO THIS COUNTRY. THERE WILL ALSO BE AID FOR EGYPT".--AP;UPI;NETWORKS (9/1/75)

FORD WARNS OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF CONGRESS BLOCKS SINAI ACCORD

PRESIDENT FORD MONDAY WARNED OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF CONGRESS REFUSES TO APPROVE THE USE OF AMERICAN ELECTRONIC EXPERTS TO MAN THE NEW INTERIM SINAI SETTLEMENT. FORD SAID THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS "IS A VITAL INGREDIENT IN ASSURING BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE UPHELD."

AFTER IN THE INITIALING OF THE PACT, FORD CALLED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT AND ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO EXPRESS HIS PLEASURE WITH THE AGREEMENT. IN HIS CALL TO SADAT, FORD CALLED THE AGREEMENT "THE MOST HISTORIC OF THE DECADE, PERHAPS THE CENTURY," AND PROMISED THAT THE U.S. WOULD DO ITS PART TO SEE THAT THE AGREEMENT IS IMPLEMENTED IN SPIRIT AS WELL AS
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LETTER.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS THE WAY THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT AREA, THE MIDDLE EAST," FORD SAID (ON ABC FILM).

BUT WHILE THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS WERE CLEAR, HIS TELEPHONE CONNECTION WITH SADAT LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED. "EVEN THOUGH IT MAY HAVE BEEN AMONENT FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS, IT ALSO DEMONSTRATED THAT PRESIDENTS CAN HAVE AS MUCH TROUBLE AS THE

REST OF US WITH OVERSEAS PHONE CALLS," BOB SCHEIFFER (CBS) REPORTED.

TALKING TO REPORTERS AFTERWARDS, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE EXPECTS SOME CRITICISM OF THE AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY OF THE STATIONING OF U.S. TECHNICIANS IN THE NEW DISENGAGEMENT ZONE. BUT FORD SAID (ON ABC/CBS FILM): "IF WE HAD NOT ACHIEVED THIS HISTORIC SETTLEMENT, THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN TURMOIL, INCREASED TENSION, OBVIOUSLY GREATER DANGERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR RENEWAL OF THE KIND OF TRAGIC CONFLICT THAT TOOK PLACE IN

1973."

FORD SAID (ON CBS FILM): "BY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, THE MOMENTUM HAS BEEN CONTINUED, AND I'M CONVINCED THAT WHEN THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SEE WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AND OBJECTIVELY LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVE OF NO SUCCESS, THAT THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL SUPPORT OUR ROLE."

COMMENTING ON THAT ROLE, DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID THAT PUTTING AMERICANS IN THE SINAI WAS A RISK THE U.S. HAD TO TAKE, BUT DID NOT SEEM AS CONFIDENT AS THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THEIR SAFETY, CHARLES QUINT (CBS) REPORTED.--AP; UPI; NETWORKS (9/1/75)

DYAN OPPOSES SINAI AGREEMENT;
ISRAELI PARLIAMENT'S APPROVAL EXPECTED

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FORMER ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DYAN SAID IN AN ABC INTERVIEW SUNDAY HE WILL VOTE AGAINST THE INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT WHEN IT IS PRESENTED TO THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT FOR APPROVAL WEDNESDAY. DESPITE HIS DISSENTING VOTE, HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO WIN APPROVAL. "I WILL VOTE AGAINST THE AGREEMENT," DYAN SAID (ON ABC FILM). "GIVEN I DON'T THINK IT IS A GOOD AGREEMENT. AND I WILL DO THIS IN ORDER TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS AND POSITION."

"I THINK THAT THE WRONG PART ABOUT IT IS THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAD US WITHDRAWING WITHOUT THEM GIVING UP THE OPTIONS FOR RENEWING THE WAR, THE FIGHTING. AND THIS IS WRONG."

"I THINK EVERYBODY REALIZES THAT THE PASSES DO HAVE MILITARY IMPORTANCE AND VALUE. AND ONCE WE WITHDRAW FROM THERE WE WILL LOSE AN IMPORTANT MILITARY POSITION." DYAN SAID THERE IS "NO QUESTION" THAT ISRAEL'S MILITARY POSITION WILL HAVE BEEN WEAKENED BY THE AGREEMENT."

ASKED ABOUT THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN TECHNICIANS IN THE SINAI, DYAN SAID: WHENEVER YOU OR SADAT WOULD FEEL THAT YOU HAD TO TAKE THEM OUT, YOU WILL TELL THE PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT WILL ASK THEM TO WITHDRAW, AND WE SHALL BE LEFT WITHOUT YOUR PEOPLE BETWEEN US AND THE EGYPTIANS."
ABC (9/1/75)

PRESIDENCY: NEWS

FORD OFFERS NO ,PATENT MEDICINE, FOR NATION'S ILLS

PRESIDENT FORD SAYS THAT HE CAN OFFER NO "PATENT MEDICINE SOLUTIONS TO ENERGY, ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS. THE ANSWERS, HE SAYS, LIE IN AMERICANS COOPERATING OVER THE LONG HAUL.

IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH COLUMNIST IRV KUPCINET, TAPED IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK AND RELEASED SUNDAY FORD SAID ALSO THAT HE WOULD RESERVE JUDGMENT ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE THE POLICY OF NO NEW PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR."

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ON ENERGY, HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE STATEMENTS OF SEVERAL MAJOR OIL COMPANIES "WHO SAY THAT THEY WILL MAXIMIZE THEIR EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THE INCREASE IN GASOLINE PRICES AND OTHER FUEL PRICES" UPON THE EXPIRATION LAST NIGHT OF UGMS. CONTROLS ON DOMESTIC OIL PRICES.

"CONGRESS HAS TO DO SOMETHING IN THE AREA OF ENERGY," HE SAID. "THEY CAN'T DILLY DALLY. THEY HAVE TO MOVE AFFIRMATIVELY."

ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT, FORD SAID THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION WAS MAKING HEADWAY.

HOWEVER, FORD SAID THAT, COMPARED TO CONGRESS, ABILITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ENERGY SITUATION, "IN THE CASE OF THE ECONOMY, YOU CAN'T BE QUITE AS DRAMATIC. I HONESTLY DON'T THINK THERE

IS ANY GIMMICK THAT YOU CAN THROW OUT ON THE TABLE OR RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS THAT IS GOING TO SOLVE IT OVERNIGHT.

"AS WE LOOK AHEAD, I HAVE TO BE FRANK AND HONEST AND VERY CANDID WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHETHER IT IS IN ENERGY, OR THE ECONOMY OF FOREIGN POLICY. I CAN'T OFFER THEM ANY PATENT MEDICINE THAT WILL GIVE A SUPERFICIAL QUICK ANSWER. I HAVE TO LOOK DOWN THE ROAD TO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE LONG HAUL."

FORD DEFENDED DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND EXPRESSED

THE VIEW THAT A NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION PACT COULD BE
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ALSO RESTATED HIS INTENTION TO SUBMIT
TO CONGRESS A PROVISION IN THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI INTERIM
PEACE PACT FOR STATIONING MORE THAN 100 AMERICAN PEACE-
KEEPING TECHNICIANS IN THE SINAI DESERT.--UPI (9/1/75)

FOREIGN POLICY: NEWS

U.N. DISCUSSED AID TO THIRD WORLD

A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE U.N. MET MONDAY TO DISCUSS WAYS
OF AIDING THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITHOUT BURDENING THE
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AMERICAN ECONOMY.

THE U.S. OFFERED TO HELP CREATE A WORLD FOOD RESERVE OF
30 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT AND RICE; TO SPEND \$200 MILLION
HELPING POOR COUNTRIES DEVELOP THEIR AGRICULTURE; AND TO REDUCE
TARIFFS ON GOOD MANUFACTURED IN POOR COUNTRIES STARTING
JANUARY 1.

THE FIRST REACTION FROM THE POOR COUNTRIES WAS THAT THE
U.S. OFFER WAS A MODEST ONE. ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES FROM A
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, IT WOULD COST NO MORE THAT \$275
MILLION, RICHARD HUNT (NBC) REPORTED.

U.S. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN
WARNED AGAINST THE RISING SCALE OF
RHETORIC OVER EMBARGOS, CARTELS AND CONFISCATIONS. MOYNIHAN
SAID (ON CBS FILM): "THE DIVISION OF THE PLANET BETWEEN NORTH
AND SOUTH, BETWEEN RICH AND POOR, WOULD BECOME AS GRIM AS
THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE COLD WAR. WE WOULD ENTER AN AGE OF
FESTERING RESENTMENT, OF INCREASED RESORTS TO ECONOMIC WARFARE,
A HARDENING OF NEW BLOCKS, THE UNDERMINING OF COOPERATION,
THE EROSION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FAILED DEVELOPMENT.
NBC;CBS;UPI

SCHLESINGER SAYS NORTH KOREA WANTS SEPARATE PEACE WITH U.S.

DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER SAID MONDAY THE NORTHKOREANS HAVE MADE
CONTINUAL EFFORTS TO DISCUSS A SEPARATE PEACE
WITH THE U.S., BUT TERMED THAT ARRANGEMENT INAPPROPRIATE.

SCHLESINGER DISAGREED WITH THE NOTION THAT IF SOUTH KOREA
WAS GIVEN MORE U.S. WEAPONS, U.S. FORCES COULD BE WITHDRAWN
IN FIVE YEARS.

"THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT U.S. FORCES IN THEIR ENTIRETY

COULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA AT THAT POINT," SCHLESINGER SAID (ON CBS FILM). "I THINK THAT IT IS AT LEAST ARGUABLE THAT A UGMS. PRESENCE WILL NEED TO REMAIN FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE."

SCHLESINGER SAID THAT THE PRESENT U.S. MILITARY PLAN IS
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TO DEFEND THE CAPITAL OF SEOUL AT ALL COSTS. ASKED IF THAT INCLUDED THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, HE SAID (ON CBS FILM): "WE HAVE NEVER INDICATED THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO RENOUNCE THE OPTION OF FIRST USE. I REGARD IT AS UNLIKELY. WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO IS TO APPLY CONVENTIONAL FIREPOWER MASSIVELY. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, OF COURSE, IF THERE WERE THE DANGER OF A CATASTROPHIC DEFEAT, WHICH I DO NOT EXPECT IN VIEW OF THE FORCE POWERS, I THINC THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD THEN HAVE TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION.--CBS (9/1/75)

INTERNATIONAL: NEWS

OPPOSITION TO GONCALVES MOUNTS IN PORTUGAL

PORTUGAL'S AIR FORCE CHIEF MONDAY JOINED THE ARMY COMMANDER AND MILITARY SECURITY CHIEF IN DENOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNIST-BACKED FORMER PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES AS THE NEW ARMED FORCES' COMMANDER-AND-CHIEF. AT THE SAME TIME, THE NATION'S BIGGEST POLITICAL PARTY, THE SOCIALISTS, SAID THEY WOULD NOT PARITCIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT IF GONCALVES WAS SWORN IN AS CHIEFGAOF-STAFF.

A SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD OFFERED NO SIGNS OF BACKING DOWN ON GONCALVES' APPOINTMENT. THE SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, DID NOT SAY WHEN THE SWEARING IN WOULD TAKE PLACE.--AP;UPI; ABC;CBS (9/1/75)

MILITARY REVOLT IN ECUADOR STOPPED: 12 KILLED

MILITARY REBELS MONDAY ATTEMPTED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR
THE REVOLT WAS STOPPED BY LOYAL
TROOPS OF PRESIDENT GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ LARA. TWELVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND EIGHTY WOUNDED.--AP; UPI;NBC:CBS (9/1/75)

INTELLIGENCE: NEWS

MAJORITY SAYS SAVE THE CIA
BY LOUIS HARRIS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE
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BY A 47 TO 27 PER CENT PLURALITY, AMERICANS FAVOR "MAKING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES BUT NOT CHANGING THE WAY IT IS NOW RUN," ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST HARRIS SURVEY.

BY 80 TO 6 PER CENT, A LARGE MAJORITY OF THOSE SURVEYED REJECTS THE NOTION OF "ABOLISHING THE CIA AND LEAVING THE U.S. WITH NO FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY."

A 45 TO 34 PER CENT PLURALITY ALSO OPPOSES "ABOLISHING THE CIA, BUT STARTING A NEW FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WITH PROPER CIVILIAN CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS."

BY 74 TO 11 PER CENT, HOWEVER, A MAJORITY BELIEVES "IT WAS WRONG FOR THE CIA TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS OF FOREIGN LEADERS."

BY 54 TO 29 PER CENT, A MAJORITY ALSO BELIEVES "IT WAS WRONG FOR THE CIA TO HAVE SPIED ON AMERICANS HERE AT HOME DURING THE VIETNAM WAR."

BY 49 TO 21 PER CENT, A PLURALITY AGREES WITH THE CHARGE THAT "THE TROUBLE WITH THE CIA IS THAT IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL OF CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES."

YET, BY 78 TO 12 PER CENT, A SOLID MAJORITY ALSO BELIEVES "IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. HAVE THE BEST FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN THE WORLD, EVEN IF IT DOES MAKE SOME MISTAKES."

BY 71 TO 13 PER CENT, A MAJORITY ALSO BELIEVES THAT "ANY SUCCESSFUL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY MUST BE OPERATED IN SECRECY."

BY 52 TO 28 PERCENT, THE PUBLIC IS WORRIED THAT "SO MANY SECRETS OF THE CIA HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC THAT THE FUTURE ABILITY OF THE CIA TO OPERATE WELL HAS NOW BEEN THREATENED."

IN THE LAST YEAR, THE PUBLIC HAS GIVEN THE CIA NEGATIVE MARKS IN HARRIS SURVEYS, BUT THAT CRITICISM HAS NOT BEEN RISING DESPITE MORE RECENT DISCLOSURES ABOUT THE AGENCY'S UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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ALLEGED WRONG-DOING. AS THE CIA HAS BECOME A BETTER KNOWN INSTITUTION IN THE LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO GIVE IT A POSITIVE RATING HAS RISEN 5 POINTS, ALTHO THE AGENCY'S NEGATIVE MARKS ALSO HAVE RISEN 3 POINTS.--(9/1/75)

MIDEAST: COMMENT

SINAI AGREEMENT BETTER THAN NOTHING
DAVID BRINKLEY (NBC)

THE MODEST AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS SEEN BY ALL SIDES AS MODERATELY GOOD NEWS IN THE SENSE THAT IT WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING AND THAT THE FEW ALTERNATIVES WERE WORSE.

BOTH SIDES GET A LITTLE SOMETHING OUT OF IT, INCLUDING BILLIONS IN AMERICAN MONEY, AND IT DOES BUY SOME TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD SOME KIND OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. SO IN TIMES LIKE THESE IT PROBABLY QUALIFIES AS GOOD NEWS.

ONE DIFFICULTY REMAINS: THAT IS THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE ISRAELIS. CON-

GRESS HAS TO APPROVE THAT AND IT'S WIDELY ASSUMED IN WASHINGTON THAT IT WILL, BUT NOT EASILY.

NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT IT, SEEING DANGERS IN IT. THEY WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN ANOTHER MIDDLE EASTERN ATTACK IF THE AMERICANS IN THE MIDDLE WERE WOUNDED OR SURROUNDED OR ENDANGERED AND HAD TO BE RESCUED. U.S. MILITARY FORCES WOULD HAVE TO DO THE RESCUING AND THE CONGRESSMEN WONDER HOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD REACT TO THAT. THEY REMEMBER HOW THE U.S. GOT INTO VIETNAM, FOOT BY FOOT, LEADING TO A DISORDER IN THIS COUNTRY AND A DISASTER THERE.

BUT IT'S ASSUMED HERE THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT THIS WHOLE NEW AGREEMENT WILL COLLAPSE AND NO ONE HAS ANY DOUBTS THAT WOULD BE BAD NEWS WITH THE RESULTS UNKNOWN. (9/1/75)

GRIM THOUGHTS ON SINAI AGREEMENT
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HOWARD K. SMITH (ABC)

I HATE TO SEEM TO DIMINISH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SUCCESS WITH THE SINAI AGREEMENT, BUT IT'S ONLY REALISM TO NOTE THAT HE'S SOLVED PART OF THE EASIEST PART OF THE MIDDLE EAST TROUBLE. IT'S THE EASIEST PART BECAUSE SADAT IS BOTH THE MOST REASONABLE OF ARAB LEADERS, AND THE ONE THAT ISRAEL IS READIEST TO BE REASONABLE ABOUT.

IT'S THE EASIEST ALSO BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT EACH SIDE GIVES UP, EACH STILL HAS HUGE REMNANTS OF THE SINAI DESERT REMAINING AS A BUFFER AGAINST AN ATTACK BY THE OTHER.

THE "GUTS" AS IT WERE OF THE MIDDLE EAST DANGER IS UP TO

THE NORTH--THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, WHICH ISRAEL HAS AND SYRIA DEMANDS BACKS. FROM THOSE HEIGHTS, SYRIAN GUNS WOULD POINT RIGHT DOWN ISRAEL'S THROAT, AND SHE WON'T REPEAT WON'T, GIVE THEM BACK.

STILL TOUGHER IS THE PALESTINIAN DEMAND FOR A STATE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN, WHICH ISRAEL REJECTS FOR FEAR IT WOULD BE A VAST, CONTIGUOUS REFUGE FOR PERMANENT, INTENSIFYING GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST HER.

RUSSIA'S ROLE COMPLICATES THINGS. MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT RUSSIA HAS KEPT STILL AND WELL-BEHAVED ALL THESE MONTHS WANTING SADAT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT ISOLATE HIM FROM THE OTHER ARAB NATIONS. WHEN AND IF FIGHTING INTENSIFIES IN THE NORTH SADAT MUST DECIDE TO JOIN IN AND BREAK THE PRESENT AGREEMENT OR STAND ALOOF AND ISOLATED AND FACE THE FURIES OF OVER-ARMED NEIGHBORS LIKE HADAFI OF LIBYA AND EGYPT'S OWN INTERNAL COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH WAS RECENTLY RECONSTITUTED ON RUSSIAN ORDERS. IN SHORT, HE WILL FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERTHROW.

PRESIDENCY: COMMENT

GRIM THOUGHTS. BUT ALSO REALITIES TO RECKON WITH. (9/1/75)

SINAI AGREEMENT POLITICAL PLUS FOR FORD, LISAGOR SAYS

"WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW"

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ALTHOUGH THE SINAI AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE A "GOLD STAR" IN PRESIDENT FORD'S CROWN OF PRESIDENTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PETER LISAGOR (CHICAGO DAILY NEWS) SAID THE ACCORD WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A "POLITICAL PLUS" AT A TIME WHEN THE PRESIDENT SORELY NEEDS ONE.

"WHATEVER WE HAVE BROUGHT WITH OUR THREE TO FOUR BILLION DOLLARS, WE WILL HAVE BOUGHT TIME, AND THAT'S TERRIBLY IMPORTANT IN A PLACE LIKE THE MIDDLE EAST. AND I THINK THERE WILL BE SOME DIFFUSING OF THE TENSIONS BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELIS," LISAGOR SAID.

"BUT THE PRESIDENT NEEDS ALL THE GOOD NEWS HE CAN GET BECAUSE HE HAS AN AWFUL LOT OF PROBLEMS TO COPE WITH NOW. WE TALK ABOUT THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT, BUT HE'S ALSO FAR MORE VULNERABLE THAN ANY OTHER POLITICIAN OR OFFICE-HOLDER TO A LOT OF THINGS," RANGING FROM THE ENERGY CRISIS, TO A NEW CAMPAIGN REFORM LAW, TO THIS WIFE'S CANDID COMMENTS ON SEX. LIS

GOR ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH MRS. FORD'S REMARKS HAD EVOKED MORE CRITICISM THAN EXPECTED, THAT WAS ONE ISSUE WHICH WOULD NOT SURVIVE THE WINTER. THE OTHERS, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT

BE SO SHORT-LIVED. (8/30/75)

PRESIDENCY: COMMENT

A DANGEROUS LAG IN DEFENSE RESEARCH

(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

THE NEWS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT SPEECH TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION QUITE PROPERLY EMPHASIZED HIS WARNING TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT IF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS BREAK DOWN, HE WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$2 TO \$3 BILLION FOR STRATEGIC WEAPONS PROGRAMS.

SOMETHING ELSE THE PRESIDENT SAID, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, WAS UNFORTUNATELY OVERSHADOWED IN THE NEWS COVERAGE. IN THE FIRST MINUTE OF HIS SPEECH FORD SAID THAT DURING THE COSTLY VIETNAM WAR, LONG-RANGE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN SHORT-
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CHANGED. THESE ARE THE PROGRAMS WHOSE MISSION IS TO DISCOVER TOMORROW'S MORE EFFECTIVE WEAPONS.

"IF OUR TECHNOLOGICAL LEAD IS NOT RAPIDLY RECOVERED," THE PRESIDENT SAID, "THIS COULD BE FATAL TO OUR QUALITATIVE SUPERIORITY IN THE FUTURE." AND THIS, HE COULD HAVE ADDED, MIGHT IN TURN BE FATAL TO THE U.S.

DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, A LEVEL-HEADED OPPONENT OF EXTRAVAGANCE, WARNS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE OUTSPENDING US BY 20 PER CENT ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. THAT DISPARITY MUST BE CORRECTED. THE BURDEN WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL, HE HAS SAID, "BUT I OFFER NO APOLOGIES." NO APOLOGIES ARE NEEDED. (8/31/75)

FOREIGN POLICY: COMMENT

U.S. "LIBERATED" FROM LAOS
(EDITORIAL, CONTINUED FROM THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER)

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THE COMMUNIST-LED PATHET LAO "LIBERATED" LAOS THE OTHER DAY.

NOT TOO LONG AGO, SUCH A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER WOULD HAVE PROVOKED AN "ORGY OF RECRIMINATIONS" IN THIS COUNTRY. THE AIR WOULD HAVE BEEN THICK WITH CRIES OF "WHO LOST LAOS?" THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS WOULD HAVE BEEN UP IN ARMS, LITERALLY AS WELL AS FIGURATIVELY. NOW THE EVENT PASSES BY WITH BARELY ANY NOTICE.

IT STRIKES US THAT THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THIS, NOT NECESSARILY MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

ONE IS SIMPLY WAR-WEARINESS, AFTER ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN THROUGH IN INDOCHINA OVER THESE MANY YEARS. VIETNAM IS GONE, AND SO IS CAMBODIA. IF THE INSIDE DOMINO FALLS, AMERICANS CANNOT GET EXCITED. BESIDES, THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT AT HOME: UNEMPLOYMENT, SOARING PRICES, THE LOT.

THE SECOND REASON, THOUGH, MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT. WE THINK AMERICANS HAVE LEARNED THAT IT MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WHO CONTROLS THAT SLEEPY, FUEDAL, LANDLOCKED
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COUNTRY ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF CHINA; AND THAT , IN ANY CASE, THE U.S. HASN'T THE POWER TO INFLUENCE WHO CONTROLS IT.

THIS IS NOT TO DISCERN SOME SURGE OF NEO-ISOLATIONISM. NOTHING WE HAVE SEEN SUGGESTS THAT AMERICANS ARE ANY LESS COMMITTED TO DEFENDING THIS COUNTRY'S REAL INTERESTS ABROAD, SUPPORTING OUR ALLIES, AND RESISTING GENUINE AGGRESSION.

IT IS TO SUGGEST THAT AMERICANS HAVE GAINED A SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE FROM OUR ADVENTURES IN INDOCHINA. THE LESSON CAME AT PAINFUL COST, AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE IT LASTS. (8/31/75)

AFRICA POLICY: DO WE CARE
(EDITORIAL, EXCERPTED FROM THE WASHINGTON STAR)
(BY CARL T. ROWAN)

IT WAS ON MARCH 4 THAT I WENT TO DINNER AT THE EMBASSY OF IRAN AND SORT OF STUMBLED INTO A VERBAL CONFRONTATION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ABOUT HISPOLICY, OR LACK THEREOF, REGARDING AFRICA.

KISSINGER STARTED THINGS OFF BY LOUDLY TAKING UMBRAGE AT MY TELEVISION CRITICISM OF HIS INSISTENCE ON OFFENDING ALMOST ALL OF AFRICA BY CRAMMING DOWN THE THROATS OF AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICA THEY OBJECTED TO OPENLY -- NATHANIEL DAVIS.

TO JUSTIFY HIS INSISTENCE ON MAKING DAVIS HIS TOP AIDE FOR AFRICA, KISSINGER MADE A REMARK
BLE ADMISSION. HE SAID HE
WOKE UP ONE MORNING AND REALIZED THAT HE HAD NO LATIN AMERICAN POLICY AND NO AFRICAN POLICY, AND THAT HE WAS THEREFORE SHAKING UP BOTH BUREAUS. FIVE MONTHS LATER, KISSINGER MET WITH SEVERAL BLACK MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND MADE ANOTHER REMARKABLE ADMISSION: HE TOLD THEM HE REALIZES HE HAS NO AFRICAN POLICY. BUT HE EXPECTS TO HAVE ONE SOON.

WHEREAS WILLIAM D. ROGERS HAS COME UP WITH A POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA, WITH THE CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSTURE REGARDING CUBA NOTABLE EVIDENCE THEREOF, DAVIS HAS BEEN A "BOMB" IN

TERMS OF FASHIONING A POLICY FOR AFRICA. AND KISSINGER IS
ACUTELY AWARE THAT HE MADE A GROSS MISTAKE IN FOISTING DAVIS
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UPON THE AFRICANS.

I WRITE ALL THIS BECAUSE IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME FOR THE
UNITED STATES TO HAVE A POLICY REGARDING AFRICA, IT IS NOW.
STILL, THE U.S. SEEMS CONCERNED ONLY ABOUT ITS DEALS OF THE
HOUR -- THE AMERICAN BUSINESS INVESTMENTS, THE SPACE STATIONS,
THE SECRET MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE DEALS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
IT IS AS THOUGH U.S. POLICYMAKERS ASSUME THAT THE WHITE
MINORITIES WILL PREVAIL FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE -AND THAT THE TIME

FOR THE U.S. TO START WORRYING ABOUT POLICY CHANGES IS WHEN
BLACKS ACTUALLY TAKE OVER.

ONE MIGHT ATTRIBUTE THIS LINGERING ABSENCE OF AN AFRICAN POLICY
TO A PREOCCUPATION WITH THE MIDDLE EAST, OR CHINA, OR
THE SOVIET UNION. ONE MIGHT ALSO ATTRIBUTE IT TO THE FACT
THAT KISSINGER AND HIS TOP AFRICAN AIDES DON'T REALLY KNOW
A HELL OF A LOT ABOUT AFRICA.

I AM AFRAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROBLEM IS THEY DON'T CARE
A LOT. A SUBTLE RACISM WHICH EVEN THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE,
AND WOULD QUICKLY DENY, SEEMS TO OVERLAY U.S. NON-POLICIES
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